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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF SUSAN AGNEW'S RETURN TO US

BECAUSE OF THREATS

1. WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS COLUMNIST BETTY BEALE REPORTED AUGUST 27 THAT SUSAN AGNEW, THE DAUGHTER OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, RETURNED TO US FROM THE SS HOPE BECAUSE OF THREATS ON HER LIFE IN BRAZIL. SPOKESMAN FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT THE AGNEW FAMILY HAD MADE A JUDGMENT NOT TO TAKE ANY FURTHER RISKS AND TO HAVE MISS AGNEW RETURN HOME. HE ADDED QUOTE THERE HAD BEEN THREATS ON HER LIFE DOWN THERE AND ALTHOUGH THE BRAZILIANS THOUGHT THEY COULD TAKE CARE OF THE SITUATION AND THE VICE PRESIDENT HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF

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THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SECURITY, AS

A FATHER HE WANTED TO TAKE THE PRUDENT MEASURE OF BRINGING HER CLOSER TO HOME END QUOTE. BEALE ALSO QUOTED DR. WILLIAM WALSH, FOUNDER OF PROJECT HOPE, AS SAYING BOTH HE AND MISS AGNEW RECEIVED SEVERAL THREATS AND THAT ONE THAT CAME LAST WEEK COULD NOT BE DISREGARDED.

2. DEPARTMENT WAS INFORMED BY DR. WALSH THAT MISS AGNEW RETURNED HOME AUGUST 26. WALSH CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY BRAZILIAN POLICE OF EIGHT TO TEN KIDNAPPING THREATS AGAINST MISS AGNEW DURING PRESENCE OF HOPE IN BRAZIL DURING LAST 7 MONTHS. THE SITUATION APPARENTLY WAS AGGRAVATED BY THE ARREST OF 50 OR 60 INDIVIDUALS IN MACEIO ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO.

3. AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING TODAY, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REPLIED TO QUESTION ABOUT REPORT THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON MATTER BUT HE SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

4. AMBASSADOR ARAUJO CASTRO INQUIRED OF BRAZIL DESK WHETHER DEPARTMENT HAD ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REPORT. HE WAS TOLD THAT IT DID NOT BUT THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD LOOK INTO IT. INTEND INFORM HIM OF WALSH REPORTS. ROGERS

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